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1. DECREE 1076-B OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1972 DOES RPT DOES APPLY TO COSMETICS. IT MODIFIES DECREE NO. 372-C OF AUGUST 31, 1970, WHICH ESSENTIALLY STIPULATES THAT FOREIGN LABORATORIES PRODUCING QUOTE PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN AND VETERINARY USE, AND COSMETICS UNQUOTE MUST PRODUCE IN ECUADOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THEIR LOCAL SALES VOLUME WITHIN TWO YEARS (I.E., BY AUGUST 31, 1972) AND ONE HUNDRED PERCENT BY AUGUST 31, 1974.

2. DECREE 1076-B, ALTHOUGH LANGUAGE IS SOMEWHAT FUZZY, EXTENDS DEADLINE TO SEPTEMBER 9, 1974 TO ESTABLISH LOCAL PRODUCTION FOR ALL PHARMACEUTICALS SOLD IN ECUADOR: QUOTE BY JANUARY 31, 1973, THOSE FOREIGN LABORATORIES WHOSE PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN AND VETERINARY USE AND COSMETICS WILL HAVE BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HYGIENE, MUST PRESENT TO THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH (THEIR) SCHEDULES FOR INITIATING (LOCAL) PRODUCTION NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 9, 1974, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH DECREE 372-C. UNQUOTE.

3. ALTHOUGH ABOVE WORDING INDICATES DEADLINE IS ALREADY PAST, WE HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY, INCLUDING SUBSECRETARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTRY, THAT U.S. PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS MAY STILL ARRANGE TO

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ESTABLISH PRODUCTION FACILITIES PROVIDING THEIR PRODUCTS ARE

CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR COUNTRY AND SIMILAR PRODUCTS ARE NOT AL-
READY BEING PRODUCED.

4. EMBASSY IS POUCHING SPANISH LANGUAGE COPIES OF BOTH DECREES. IN
MEANTIME, DECREES MAY BE CONSULTED IN REGISTRO OFFICIAL NOS 56,
SEPT. 9, 1970, AND 153, SEPT. 27, 1972.
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